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**ANTI-DUMPING
BILL'S
FIRST READING.**

**DOES NOT APPLY
TO EMPIRE.**

LABOUR HOSTILE.

London, Nov. 17.
The Government manifested its policy of Imperial Preference to-day. It was officially announced that none of the provisions of the Anti-Dumping Bill will apply to the Dominions, whose imports will have a hundred per cent. preference.

As under the ordinary procedure of the House in dealing with financial business it would take a fortnight to pass into law the legislation announced yesterday by the President of Board of Trade, Mr. Runciman, in connexion with abnormal importations, the Government to-day received the approval of the House for exceptional procedure by which the necessary financial resolution, and the first reading of Bill will be taken to-night, the second reading to-morrow and the remaining stages on Thursday. The Bill is expected to receive the Royal Assent on Friday night.

Enormous Imports.
Moving the financial resolution in Committee of Ways and Means to-night, Mr. Runciman said that when the imports were first brought to the Government's notice they were exceptional, but they had since increased in volume considerably.

Figures showed that even after allowing for all seasonal operations there was an enormous increase for October, and still more in the early part of November.

Under these circumstances, the Government were bound to take the steps which he described yesterday.

Labour Hostility.
The Labour Party's hostility to the anti-dumping proposals was manifested when, after Mr. Stanley Baldwin had moved the suspension of the Standing Orders to permit quick passage, Mr. George Lansbury moved the rejection of the motion.

It was, however, carried by 396 votes to 61.

The financial resolution which is required as the basis for the Bill, said the Measure empowered the Board of Trade to impose customs duties up to 100 per cent. on articles imported in abnormal quantities.

This covered all articles except food, drink, tobacco, raw materials and articles which were mainly unmanufactured.

First Reading.
The House passed Mr. Runciman's financial resolution through all stages, and afterwards gave first reading to the Anti-Dumping Bill, which is officially known as the Abnormal Importation Customs Bill.

The text of the Bill, which was subsequently published, lays down that where the Board of Trade is satisfied that there are abnormal quantities of goods, falling within any one of the classes specified in the Bill to be imported, it may issue an order applying the Bill to them, but such an order must be laid before the House of Commons within 28 days of the date of its issue.—*Reuter.*

**STABILISATION OF
POUND.**

**GOVERNMENT NOT
READY.**

London, Nov. 17.
In the House of Commons, at question time, the Chancellor of Exchequer, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, stated that there were a number of important conditions, some not subject to the Government's control, which must be satisfied before the stabilisation of sterling in terms of gold could be contemplated.

Government's immediate object was to balance the budget, to rectify the adverse trade balance, and to maintain the internal purchasing power of the pound.

Replying to another question, he said that for reasons already stated, the Government did not consider any useful purpose would be served by calling an international conference on silver.—*British Wireless.*

CURRENCY REPORT STRONGLY CRITICISED.
Designed in the Interests of Parasites of Modern Industrialism.

**SACRIFICE OF THE
MAJORITY.**

**LOCAL BUSINESS MAN'S
OUTBURST.**

FIRST COLD DOUCHE.

THE APATHETIC AFFABILITY of Anglo-Saxon acquiescence is indicated by a strong critic of the Report of the Clegg Currency Mission as one of the reasons for the fact that such conclusions were possible.

Writing this morning, he declares that the Report suggests that the only interests in this Colony worthy of any consideration at all are those of the parasites of modern industrialism—the middlemen and speculators. The "obvious fallacies" of the Mission's deductions are dealt with in some detail.

We also give an amplification of the proposals of the Currency Mission regarding the reform of the currency system, and an interesting summary of the movements of funds, showing that the inward movement of gold currencies generally exceeds the outward flow.

REFORM SCHEME AMPLIFIED.

It would appear, says Outgoer, that the Currency Mission's Report that the only interests in this Colony worthy of any consideration at all are those of the parasites of modern industrialism—the middlemen and speculators.

The local producer and the distributor of the necessities of life, the financial affairs of our government, the prosperity of our ship-building and repair yards, the possible bankruptcy of coastal shipping concerns, the hardship inflicted upon the wives and families of our seafarers, fighting services and commercial wage-earners, the financial ruin of local investors, wholesale disruption of commodity prices and the stupendous depreciation in the value of our banks' silver reserves—all these are swept aside as negligible considerations.

Rampantly Bloodthirsty.
One would not feel so rampantly bloodthirsty about the business of the minority, to which the interests of the community are being sacrificed, had comprised British people who were handling British products.

As far as I can see this Colony is being run and protected in the interests of the Empire's competitors.

Take the line of commodities with which I am remotely connected—a line which happens to be booming at home at the moment. I can conduct you around Hongkong and show you a British Colony flooded with Japanese, German and Japanese stuff that, as far as quality goes, is unworthy of cooie hire to a rubbish heap in comparison with the Old Country's output.

The only meaning patriotism appears to have for people in this part of the world is gun salutes, uniforms and Government social functions.

However, we must exercise self-control and submit to the inevitable. The currency mission has decided definitely against stabilisation and the only thing left for us is to try and get a little satisfaction from drawing attention to the obvious fallacies in their deductions.

Exchange Risks.
The point they emphasise is that the gold-silver exchange risks involved in importation would be thrown upon the dealer in South China. Does he not at present pay for the risk somebody has to

undertake in Hongkong and if he is not prepared to take over that risk where, worth while, can he find anybody that will?

There are two alternatives in this connexion, as far as I can see: (1) Let the Hongkong importer, under stabilisation, continue to exchange in the interests of the South China dealer or (2) let him drift without any cover.

Our Currency in China.

The Currency Mission admits that "Hongkong notes circulate widely throughout South China where they are regarded as the most desirable form of currency." If the South China dealer finds it inconvenient to cover against exchange risks, he will push Hongkong currency still further in his sphere of operations and thus provide an ever-increasing absorption factor against the remittances from Chinese overseas residents.

Money, after all, earns interest when loaned and surely it is better that we should make our reserves profit-bearing than have them sterilised in bank vaults.

Premium on Notes.

I notice, by the way, that the Mission attributes the premium to the banks' declining to expand the note issue in relation to the volume of remittances. How can our banks force on Hongkong more notes than its trade requires? Their alternative method of keeping down the premium is the creation of an upper bullion point, which means, I suppose, that silver bullion brokers are to reap all the benefit derivable from these outside remittances.

In conclusion, I would like to suggest that the replacement of (Continued on Page 7.)

**GANDHI
WANTS ALL.**

**Control of the
Army.**

**THE ROUND TABLE
DEBATE.**

London, Nov. 17.
Gandhi demanded complete control of all the affairs of India during to-day in the Round Table Federal Structure Committee, on the so-called reserved subjects.

Lord Reading referred to the proposal by Pandit Malaviya that complete control of the army should lie with an Indian Minister, who would be responsible to the Legislature, and that the Governor-General's only right of intervention would be in an emergency by suspending the constitution. Lord Reading said it would place the Governor-General in a most awkward predicament and would be unworkable.

It was essential that if responsibility at the centre was to be conferred upon the Indian Legislature, which he himself desired, the Army must be in the hands of the Governor-General and that the Minister must be responsible to him. Any proposal, for responsible Government, would be unacceptable to him if it did not make that exception.

New Mentality.

It was a mistake to assume that conditions were to be the same after they got a new constitution, as hitherto. They must get into a different mentality and he hoped that when the Legislature was constituted and the Federal constitution was in existence, it would be found that so far from there being conflict or hostility between the Minister and the Governor-General, there would be most friendly co-operation and continuous consultation.

He did not care what means were adopted for this purpose provided that the control and the responsibility for the Army remained with the Governor-General throughout, and that he had the right of appointing an adviser who would not be a member of the cabinet in the strict sense, because he would be responsible to the Governor-General and not to the Legislature.

Gandhi Wants Full Control.

Lord Sankey drew attention to a paragraph in the last report which stated there was a general agreement that the assumption by India of all the powers and responsibilities hitherto resting on Parliament, could not be made at one step, and that during the period of transition the Governor-General should be responsible for defence and must be given powers necessary to implement his decisions.

Mr. Gandhi said the Congress case was that there should be complete responsibility transferred to India. That meant there should be complete control of over the Army and external affairs, but it also contemplated adjustments. The whole Army should be disbanded if it did not pass under their control in its entirety.

Lord Sankey, said Gandhi was asking them to take a terrible responsibility in urging the withdrawal of the army or its reduction (Continued on Page 12.)

**JAPAN'S ATTITUDE
STIFFENS.**

**MUCH ACTIVITY BEHIND SCENES
AT PARIS MEETING.**

**FORCEFUL MEASURES IN
THE AIR AGAIN.**

Paris, Nov. 17.
The gap between the Chinese and Japanese demands are as big as ever, despite the exhaustive conversations held to-day, the maximum requirements having been presented to M. Briand.

It is understood that the Japanese attitude has slightly stiffened.

Sir John Simon took a prominent part in the discussions, consisting of a most elaborate comparison of the two standpoints, but the Council decided there was insufficient data as regards the recognition of treaties, which Japan demands.

The delegates expressed the opinion that some of the treaties were purely economical, raising the question of interpretation rather than validity, and therefore a great advance would be secured if the actual points in dispute were isolated.

Practical Solution Urgent.

The feeling in Chinese quarters in Paris continues to be that a practical solution of the present situation is the more urgent, and that theoretical questions such as treaties should be reserved for ultimate discussion when there is no further risk of bloodshed.

There was much activity behind the scenes after the League Council meeting to-day, two very interesting interviews being held by Mr. Matsudaira and Sir John Simon and Dr. Alfred Sze and General Dawes.—*Reuter.*

Flat Denied But—

Washington, Nov. 17.
Though Mr. Stimson flatly denies a newspaper story that assurances have been given the Japanese Ambassador that the United States will not follow the League in an economic boycott of Japan, or withdraw its diplomatic representatives from Japan, the United States has decided to think for itself over the question of eventual sanctions.

That is obvious from the explanation given by Mr. Stimson to-day that General Dawes is staying out of the League Council meetings in Paris because the United States is "not ready to decide how far it will accompany the League towards forceful measures against Japan."—*Reuter.*

Three-Hour Battle.

Harbin, Nov. 18.
Six Chinese soldiers were reported killed and one corporal fatally wounded, following a serious three-hour battle on Monday when Japanese cavalry clashed with the Heilungkiang Brigade under Commander Fan at Sanchienfangtze. The Japanese cavalry were assisted by bombing aeroplanes which greatly contributed to their success. Chinese official despatches claim that the

Japanese have been temporarily thrown back from Sanchienfangtze.

Simultaneously the conflict between the Japanese and Manchurian troops near the Nonni River bridge was resumed, and yesterday the Chinese officers at Angangchi reported that the Japanese had advanced to within ten miles of Angangchi.

Martial law has been proclaimed at Harbin on account of the high tension along the Chinese Eastern Railway and at Tsitsihar. The city is patrolled day and night by armed Police and soldiers.—*Reuter.*

**DOLLAR TUMBLE
CONTINUES.**

**SPECULATORS NOW
PROFIT-TAKING.**

The dollar fell further this morning, partly due to profit-taking by speculators and partly to the signs of weakness in the world silver market. The local exchange market (the official rate being 1s. 3 1/2d. T.T.) opened at 1s. 3 1/4d. and closed round about 1s. 4 1/4d.

There is, however, little strength in silver. The statement by Mr. Neville Chamberlain in the House of Commons is expected to have an adverse effect.

The London market showed an apparent improvement on opening. India was buying and speculators were active on both sides, and the official rate was fixed at 18 1/2d. spot, an advance of 7/8ths on yesterday's price. America came into the market as a seller later in the day and prices ruled under the quoted rates.

An easy tone prevailed in New York, where the price fell from 32 1/2 cents to 31 1/2. Shanghai opened at 1s. 8 1/4d. this morning and closed at 1s. 9 1/4d.

**FRENCH INCREASE
TARIFFS.**

**DOUBLE AND TREBLE
OLD DUTIES.**

Paris, Nov. 17.
The French Government has tabled an urgent Bill increasing the importation tax on semi-manufactured articles from two per cent. to four per cent, and on wholly finished articles, from two to six per cent. The tax on raw materials remains at two per cent.—*Reuter.*

**HENRY PU YI'S
ABDUCTION.**

**CHINA'S NOTE TO
LEAGUE.**

**JAPANESE PLOT
ALLEGED.**

Nanking, Nov. 18.
Accusing Japanese of kidnapping the ex-Emperor, Pu Yi, with the intention of establishing a bogus Manchukuo government, the National Government has sent a statement to the League of Nations, in which it declares that it will, in the event of such a bogus authority being established, regard it as a seditious institution.

The text of the statement reads: "It is reported that during recent disturbances in Tientsin created by rioters who made use of the Japanese Concession as a base for their preparation, the deposed Emperor, Henry Pu Yi, of the former Manchukuo dynasty, was kidnapped and escorted from the Japanese Concession by Japanese, for the establishment of a bogus Government with himself as Emperor."

"The National Government has already declared, through the League, to the governments of friendly Powers, that the National Government and the people will not recognise any institution established in such a fashion in Chinese territory."

"In the event of the establishment of Pu Yi's bogus government, the National Government will regard it as a seditious institution, and as an auxiliary of the Japanese Government."

"All actions of such a government will be repudiated by the National Government, and the entire responsibility of such actions will be laid on the shoulders of the Japanese Government."—*Reuter.*

**FAN TAN IN THE
STREET.**

**BANKER & CROUPIER
ARRESTED.**

A fan tan party held on a public road at Wongnei-chong yesterday was interrupted by the arrival of Chinese detectives, who took the two principals into custody and charged them before Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning with being the banker and croupier respectively.

It was stated that they had attracted a large school comprised mostly of earth coolies.

The defendants were fined \$7 and \$30 respectively, with alternative terms of imprisonment, while an order was also made for the confiscation of \$3.80 seized and of the gambling paraphernalia.

GENERAL SMUTS.

**ELECTED Rector of
ST. ANDREWS.**

London, Nov. 17.
General Smuts was to-day elected Rector of the Scottish University of St. Andrews.—*British Wireless.*

UNEMPLOYMENT.

**FURTHER REDUCTION
OF 20,000.**

London, Nov. 17.
The Ministry of Labour figures issued to-night show a further decline in the number of unemployed of over twenty thousand since the previous week.—*British Wireless.*



A panoramic view of the site purchased by the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Company on the outskirts of Kowloon for the development of a model residential area. The entire area enclosed by the roads of the picture is included in the site, which is 1,334,000 square feet in extent. The purchase price was \$220,000. It will take five years to complete the plans for the construction of this barren urban area.

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ROTARIAN'S AMUSING EXPERIENCES.

AMONG THE HEAD HUNTERS.

How Formosa head hunters came to the belief that Enos Fruit Salts were efficacious for attracting evil spirits and thereby assisting in their destruction, was but one of several amusing experiences related by Mr. Julian Arnold, Commercial Attaché of the American Legation, when addressing yesterday's luncheon of the Hongkong Rotary Club.

The Chairman (Sir William Hornell) welcomed the following guests in addition to the speaker: Mr. W. J. Dymont (Yokohama), and Messrs. W. H. Clark, E. M. Raymond, F. Bunje and J. Wattie (all of Hongkong).

Sir William continued that, in accordance with their wishes, he had a wreath on the Consoth and on the Memorial Arch on Armistice Day.

In his absence, he continued, they had decided to hold an annual dinner to which ladies would be invited, with, perhaps, some songs or a cabaret entertainment and, later, dancing. He announced that the dinner had been arranged for Wednesday, December 9, and that His Excellency the Governor, Patron of the Club, had very kindly consented to be present and to present the Club's Charter.

The Chairman also announced that a ticket in the Manchester November Handicap, in connection with the Irish Hospitals, had been discovered in the tea room after the Club's last meeting, the number being RCD 39548. If anyone wished to claim the ticket he could do so, but added he would suggest that the ticket be put aside as if it should win, the Rotary Club would be so wealthy that they would, perhaps, be able "to build a hospital for the Government or something of that kind, which is very badly needed." (Laughter).

He went on to say that the Rev. Dr. P. Bruce Thornton should have spoken about "The Canadian West" but he had been taken ill and Mr. Julian Arnold had consented to speak in his stead. He had been in China for about 30 years and was going to tell them something about his experiences as Commercial Attaché "in this bewildering country."

Mr. Arnold's Address.
Mr. Arnold said:—It is a great pleasure to me as member of the Shanghai Rotary Club to be here to-day, as it is the first opportunity I have had of sitting with you, and it is gratifying to note the enthusiasm with which this organization has gone forward. Years ago, when I was in the Customs Service, that is before I joined the Department of Commerce as Commercial Attaché, I was associated with Mr. Jimmy Davidson, who was then American but who has since become Canadian for business or other reasons I suppose (laughter) and he and I were in Shanghai together. We lived together as bachelors. Jim was a great organizer and I was not surprised at his trying to crack this hard nut in connection with the formation of the Hongkong Rotary Club. (Laughter). His great joy when he came back to Shanghai, after telling us of his experiences in the South Sea Islands and other places with names you could not pronounce where he had organized Rotary Clubs, was his accomplishment in organizing the Hongkong Rotary Club in which he took great pride. (Laughter).

Organising Days.
We were in Shanghai together in the days when there were very few motor cars there. In fact I think there were only six. He was the chauffeur and he and I drove round a great deal together in days when there were no traffic regulations, when we ran up a few lamp posts and telegraph poles. Jim

organized the Automobile Club of China with six automobile members. (Laughter).

He was laid up in hospital afterwards with typhoid fever and when he was convalescing with a rather attractive nurse he induced her to organize a Nurses' Association (laughter) so he just can't help it. It is born in him.

Jim was at the Consulate in Formosa for many years and he wrote a book on Formosa (laughter) which was another weakness he had, and his wife evidently contracted the same weakness, shall I call it, in writing in the Rotarian Magazine of a trip round the world.

I succeeded him in Formosa in the Consulate there where I had my first experience in trade development, which, probably, encouraged me to take up my present position of Commercial Attaché.

Simple Savages.

Some 25 years ago a party of us made a tour of the savage country of Formosa, when we scaled Mount Morris, 13,290 feet, having the distinction of being the first white people to go there in the heart of the savage country of head hunters.

Our little party was held up by rain so some of the days we had to spend in a savage village. One of the members of the party was out scouting around and he fell into a trap set for wild boar and cut his ankle. We had some nice white gauze with which we bandaged it and the savages rather fancied the gauze, it being entirely strange to them.

After a while some of them went off and came back with gashes in their arms, having deliberately cut themselves in order to get themselves decorated with this nice white gauze. We decorated as we could. Then the old Chief, who was sitting there watching with wistful eyes, developed a headache and wanted a piece of the gauze put round his head as a crown. We were running pretty low on this gauze and we decided, instead, to give him a dose of Enos Fruit Salts. We took out a substantial dose—a good handful—and put it in a bit of this gauze. Through our Army cook, who acted as interpreter, we managed to tell him "Now, this is good for your headache so you had better take it."

"Spirits" Buried.

The Chief made a nice big bag of it with deer skin and hung it round his neck with the bag on his chest. After a time, due to the rain, the Enos Fruit Salts started effervescing in the bag and their idea was that was due to the evil spirits entering the bag. When the bag had swelled up to a nice big size, and he thought all the evil spirits were inside it, he buried the bag and in the excitement he lost his headache. (Laughter).

After this, Enos Fruit Salts was at a premium and we disposed of the rest of the bottle for all kinds of things, including two suits and bones.

Corsets For Chinese.

As Commercial Attaché for our Department of Commerce I have had some very interesting enquiries from time to time from the United States. I remember that, not long ago, one firm, a manufacturer of corsets, enquired about corsets, having read of the revolutionary ideas of Chinese women, and he pictured these women taking to corsets. He figured there were 450,000,000 people, he thought there would be about 80,000,000 adult women in China and that, he felt, was a good number to work on for a start on mass production of corsets. He wanted information about Chinese women wearing corsets. I had to reply that I had no inside information (laughter) and that I would refer his enquiry to the Minister of the Interior. (Laughter). I have not heard from him or from Nanking yet. (Laughter). He may be investigating the subject for all I know. (Laughter).

Hotel "Stickers" Wanted.

A man living down in the South of the United States had figured for some years on taking a trip round the world and of visiting China, and he had looked forward to



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it with great anticipation. Unfortunately, he had invested some of the money in stocks and things but conditions in the last few years had not been too good and he saw his surplus fading away, so much so that he had to give up the idea. He wrote saying that he had looked forward to the trip for 15 years and that he had bought trunks and bags. He felt the least he could do was to have them decorated with the stickers of the various hotels in the Far East. After a while he might have been able to imagine that he had made the trip. (Laughter). Anyway we scouted round and got the stickers for him as we didn't want to disappoint him. (Laughter).

A Teacher Obligated.
Then there was a school teacher down in Ohio who was gone on the idea of collecting various souvenirs and her peculiar weakness in that direction was to collect little thimbles-full of earth from various historic spots. She asked me once to get her a little dirt from the Great Wall of China. I was at Peking at the time so I went out into the yard and got together what I considered a good thimble-full and sent it to her. Of course you know what sandstorms are like in Peking (laughter) but there was a pretty good amount of dirt in it and I think it was all right and that she was pretty well satisfied. (Laughter).

More Intelligent Interest.
We have various and sundry requests on these lines. One thing (Continued on Page 11.)

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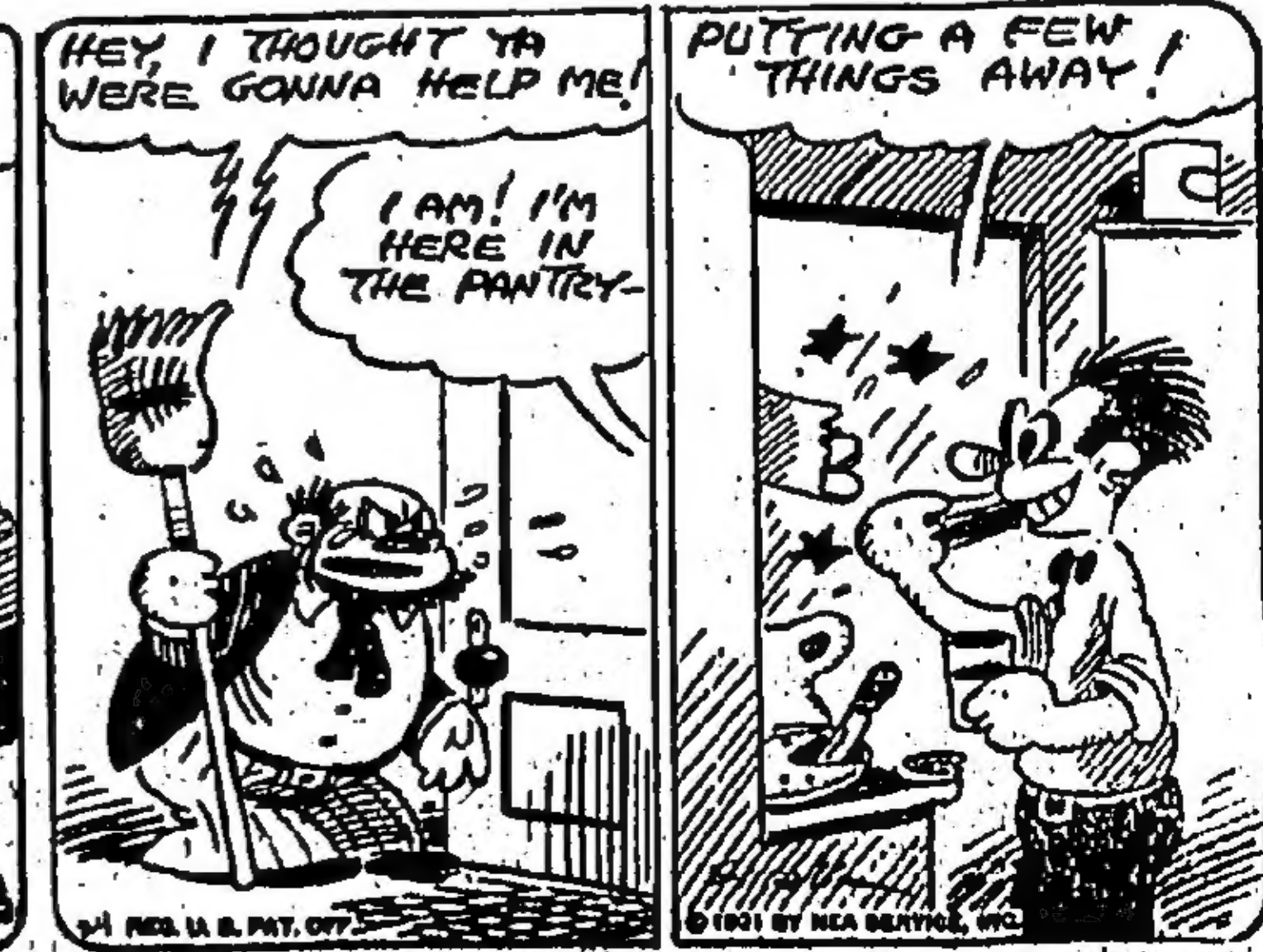
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This picture shows the arrival of Pierre Laval, the French prime minister, in New York for his conferences with President Hoover on world economic problems. Laval, left, is seated in an automobile with Henry L. Stimson, America's secretary of State.

GUILTY LIPS

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CHAPTER XXV

Travers led the way through the station and his wife followed. Norma, Mr. Travers said as they stepped out on the sidewalk, "Harvey has the car over at the right."

Everything before Norma was a blur. She followed Mrs. Travers into the limousine. She sat close to the window and stared out at the street. There were men and women, horses and carriages, and trucks and other vehicles. The whole scene before the girl's eyes became a meaningless haze. She tried to wink back the tear but they persisted.

Her father-in-law was saying something to his wife. Norma did not hear what it was. Then she was aware that they were moving away from the station.

Somewhere in the distance from wheels turned faster and faster carrying Mark away from her. Mark was gone! There had been that last moment when she had seen him smiling back at her from the car platform. Waving and smiling. Now he was gone and she would not see him for five weeks. Five weeks—it seemed endless, impossible!

Norma clutched her hands together tightly. She could not cry out now. She could not give way and sob out the terror in her heart. She could only sit there gripping her key fingers, telling herself over and over that she must manage to keep from breaking down before these strangers. Yes, they were strangers and they hated her.

The girl's lips became a tightly pressed line of crimson, struggling to steady itself but frequently trembling.

Mark was moving farther away every minute. Nearer and nearer to New York and the ocean liner that was to put the Atlantic between them.

Five weeks made up of moments as long as each of these? Five weeks of torture and uncertainty—?

Suddenly she realized that the car had stopped. Mr. Travers was getting out.

"Be home around six," he said over his shoulder. "Needn't come for me, Harvey. I'll stop at the club and ride out with Summer-

ville." He moved clumsily as he got to the sidewalk and turned away without a backward glance.

The chauffeur looked questioningly toward Mrs. Travers. "You may take us home, Harvey," the woman sighed as she spoke. "Such a day!" she murmured to Norma. "I had to rush away from luncheon. Meeting trains and waiting in stations is so loathsome, don't you think so? I'll be glad to have my tea."

The girl did not answer. Mrs. Travers gave her a searching glance, then went on. "I want to tell you I think you've acted sensibly

in this matter, my dear. So foolish to become emotional. Shows such ill breeding. Of course I was a Randolph before my marriage. No doubt that's why such things about me. So, The Randolphs, as you must know, have been leaders in this country since colonial times. Some day I'll show you the family history."

The monologue continued. Mrs. Travers grew animated as she reviewed the importance of her ancestors. So many acres of land. So many servants. So many Randolphs in Congress. A cousin in the governor's chair. As long as she was talking Norma had her thoughts to herself.

Now and then the girl nodded, murmured a "yes" or "no." If Mrs. Travers had been observant she might have been nettled that her words created so slight an impression. Mrs. Travers was not observant. To her it was inconceivable that anyone should fail to be awed by the splendors of the Randolphs.

The limousine slowed and turned into the drive at the side of the Travers residence. It halted before three steps leading to the entrance. Harvey was holding the door open, waiting for them to descend.

"You can put the car up," Mrs. Travers told him as she swept forward. "I won't need it again."

The haze of unreality faded before Norma. The brick mansion was as forbidding as it had been when she had visited it before but it was real enough. Tompkins, a servant whose face she remembered, met them in the hall.

"Have there been any messages?" Mrs. Travers demanded. "Did anyone call?"

"No, Madam."

The older woman turned toward Norma. "Tompkins will show you your room," she said. "It's in the west wing and I hope you'll find it comfortable. Your trunk should be there by this time." It was the expression on the man's face that made her check the words and add, "Well, Tompkins? What is it?"

"Excuse me, Madam, but the trunk has not come."

"What? But I left orders!"

"A man from the transfer company telephoned. He said there was no trunk at that address."

Mrs. Travers whirled. Apparently interference with arrangements she had planned irritated her. "There's been a mistake," she announced. "There must have been a trunk there!"

Norma had found her voice. "It doesn't matter," she said. "I'll see about it to-morrow."

"Very well," Mrs. Travers agreed. "But I wouldn't put it off until to-morrow if I were you. They're frightfully careless," you know, there's a chance you'll never even see your things."

"I'll take care of it," Norma assured her. "If you don't mind I'd like to go to my room now."

"Of course. Will you come down for tea or would you like it sent up to you?"

"I don't believe I care for any, thank you. I thought I'd lie down a little while."

"Very well. Dinner's at 7:30. Ring for Isabel if there's anything you want, my dear. Show her up stairs, Tompkins."

The girl found herself following Tompkins' stiff, narrow shoulders down a long hall. The room before which they stopped was the smallest she had seen in the Travers home. It was simply decorated.

"Comfortable," as Mrs. Travers had

RIOTERS KEEP LONDON POLICE BUSY.



The calm peace of the British Museum was disturbed by the shouts of unemployment demonstrators until, as pictured here, London police arrived on foot and horseback to disperse the rioters outside the famous building. The police are shown charging the crowds after they had refused to heed orders to break up.



Unemployed British miners are shown above standing outside a labour exchange office just before receiving their weekly doles.

suggested, but certainly not of the style to be expected in such a dwelling.

Tompkins apparently thought the same thing. It was plain he did not regard Norma as worthy of the solicited manner in which he addressed Mrs. Travers.

"Your room," he said shortly, and that was all.

"Thank you," Norma entered and closed the door behind her. There were two windows, both on the south. They looked out over the garage and a stretch of lawn at the rear of the house. There was a door in one wall. Norma opened it and found a clothes closet. She moved to one of the windows and looked out.

Suddenly the girl sank to the edge of the bed and hid her face in a pillow.

"Oh, Mark!" she sobbed. "Mark—come back to me!"

Stealthily Norma opened the door leading into the hall. Lights were burning at the far end of the corridor. There was no one in sight.

She held her purse closely under her arm, stepped into the hall and closed the door quietly. Her footsteps made no sound on the thick carpet. She walked to the top of the stairs and hesitated. Then she went down two steps and heard the wood creak under her.

No other sound came though she waited. Norma peered over the banister searching for Tompkins. He must be in another part of the house. The girl paused long enough for a sharp intake of breath, then went on quickly. She reached the ground floor. Clear sailing! Neither Tompkins nor anyone else was to be seen.

She crossed the hallway and pulled open the outer door. As it closed after her there was a rushing sound behind but she did not turn.

Outside Norma felt the cold air strike her cheeks gratefully. She walked as swiftly as she could, not once glancing backward. By turning to the left a tall hedge arose to shield her from view of the Travers home. Still she walked rapidly, almost running.

It was only a little after six but the December twilight spread heavy shadows across the street. Norma walked a block, two blocks, with little notion of the direction in which she was heading. She was not familiar with this part of Marlboro. The streets were strange and they wound about irregularly. Houses were set far back from the sidewalks.

She was searching for a car line but none came in sight. She must have walked half an hour before she stopped uncertainly at a street intersection. The night wind was cold now. The girl drew her coat closer, shivering. It was a suit

coat, not warm enough for December.

A block away she could see the gleaming lights of motor traffic. Suddenly a vehicle bulkier than the others loomed in sight. The Laurel Park bus line! With warm eagerness Norma hurried toward the lights. She was too late for the first bus, waited for the next.

"Do you go to Eighth street?" she asked the driver when she had climbed on board.

"No Ma'am. Broad street's as far as we go. You can get a transfer."

"Thank you," said Norma. She took the slip of pink paper and crammed it into her purse. What difference did it make whether she got off at Eighth street or Broad?

One or two other passengers looked at the white-faced girl curiously. She stared through the window, unaware of these glances. Half an hour's ride brought them to Broad street. Norma followed the others out of the bus. She glanced up and down the street, then started walking westward.

Across the street the hands of an illuminated sidewalk clock shone clearly. Seven forty-five. Norma was surprised to find it so late. Last night at this time she and Mark had been packing his traveling bags. Last night? It must have been years ago!

"I can't go on this way," Norma told herself. "I've got to decide what to do."

She had come to the end of her plans. Curiously during all the time she had thought about slipping away from the Travers home she had never planned the next step. Of course she must find a place to live. Somewhere Mark's father and mother would not look for her. Chris' apartment would be the first place they would think of—providing they made any effort at all to find her. Norma was not sure they would bother.

Still it was better to stay away from Chris.

The girl stopped at a corner and bought a newspaper.

"I ought to eat something," she remembered. She was not hungry but it would be foolish not to eat. She had scarcely tasted food during the past three days.

There was a restaurant down the street where Norma had often lunched, a cheap, clean place. One of a large chain of restaurants. She went there, found a table in an obscure corner of the big room.

When the waitress presented the menu Norma ordered listlessly. A few moments later she could not remember what she had asked for. She hoped the food would be hot.

It was pleasant and warm in the restaurant. Norma opened her newspaper and began to scan the "Rooms for Rent" section. Then she heard her name spoken.

(To be Continued.)



The Soviets are destroying the aims of the great Count Leo Tolstoy in their "five year plan" which will be followed by a "10 year plan," declared Countess Alexandra Tolstoy, shown above, daughter of the novelist, upon landing at San Francisco after spending 18 months in Japan.

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THE "STABILISATION PROGRAMME."

An impression prevails in some quarters that there may be more in the Report of the Currency Mission than appears in the text. The background of the suggestion, apparently, is the exhaustive study devoted to possible steps in preparation for stabilisation of the dollar at some future date, and stress is laid upon the completeness of the machinery recommended. The belief, if we may put it as high as that, as more than a hope, is that the slight undercurrent of urgency in the proposals may presage swift stabilisation when the sterling fund contemplated has been built up. It is thought possible that real intentions have been masked, with the object of preventing speculation and possible embarrassment to the authorities and the banks.

We must confess, on getting to closer grips with the Report, that we can discover no foundation for these views. The Mission, rightly or otherwise, place considerable emphasis on the Colony's close association with China. So close is it, in their belief, that Hongkong is practically an integral part of China from a commercial point of view. Moreover, in the preamble to an outline of the measures possible to make ready for future stabilisation, the Commissioners express a doubt whether the reason for remaining on a silver basis will cease to be valid until there is some prospect of the currency of South China being converted to a gold basis at an early date.

It is further pertinent to observe the relationship between the proposals for remedying the defects of the present currency system and those dealing with future stabilisation should the time come when it is deemed desirable to carry it out. They are so closely allied as to be incapable of separation into water-tight compartments. The stabilisation "preparations" are entirely de-

pendent on the reforms. Should the Government decide against the introduction of these reforms, the whole programme for future stabilisation falls to the ground. The Mission have absolutely no suggestion to make in the event, remote we trust, of the shelving of the reform scheme.

The stress clearly, therefore, is on the reforms. The Mission are satisfied to pin the Colony to silver more closely than it has ever been before and for an indefinite period. But this attitude does not, by any means, apply to the reform scheme. The Mission find so much to criticise in the existing currency system that they practically insist upon radical changes. The banks are given the opportunity of co-operating with the Government in this all-important matter. Reasons are set out establishing the advantage to the banks of this course. But the currency experts do not leave the matter to chance. They recommend, on any falsification of their assumption that the note-issuing banks will be prepared to fall into line with the scheme they propose, that the note issue be taken over completely by the Currency Board, acting on behalf of the Government of the Colony.

Paraphrasing the Mission is interested in setting the Colony's currency upon a sounder basis, in removing the evils that have grown up with the existing system, which probably served the Colony well enough when it was very young. Beyond that, they have attempted little. The "stabilisation programme" is an outgrowth of the main scheme. It has no separate existence. It cannot, we are afraid, mean what the stabilisationists—among whom we number ourselves—would like it to mean.

Broadcasting Fiasco.

Oakland, California has been picked up in Hongkong on a long-wave receiver. This fact, distinctly interesting in itself, serves to introduce the subject of broadcasting, which is making its appeal to a wider and more cosmopolitan public every day. In particular, thoughts are drawn to local aspects of this very popular form of entertainment. It is open to very grave doubt whether Hongkong listeners are receiving full value for their licence fees, and the expense incurred in maintaining their sets. When in 1928 the Government took over from the almost moribund Radio Society, it was recognised that many difficulties had to be faced, particularly in regard to offering a variety of programmes. Listeners, therefore, remained cheerfully content with receiving gramophone records. That was in 1928. Now, three years later, a remarkably increased radio public has still to "suffer" continuous programmes of gramophone records, with little to break the monotony. A Ko Shing Theatre relay, which has only a confined appeal, a studio lecture, a very occasional concert, a few football match commentaries, and a once-in-a-blue-moon effort to relay Homeside programmes, remain the only spices of variety in the Hongkong programmes. Offering such meagre fare, it is difficult to conceive how the Government can expect a maintenance of the growth in wireless licence holders.

Though there are a number of radio "fans," who prefer to entertain themselves on sets made for long distance reception, the great majority of Hongkong listeners are probably those who have no ambitions to search farther afield than the local station. They have a claim to be entered for in a proper and satisfying manner. The present programmes, which show practically no advance on those of 1928, certainly do not fulfil this requirement. We still remember the words of Mr. W. L. Miller, who, in March 1930, gave a paper on Radio. He said, in reference to Hongkong broadcasting, "I would urge them (the Broadcasting Committee) to explore every way of improving the relaying of distant stations, for, if listeners were reasonably certain of getting even the two hours' lunch time programme from London every night, there would be tremendous alibi to the sale of licenses." This still remains a challenge unaccepted by the Hong-

DAY BY DAY

SELF-WILL IS SO ARDENT AND ACTIVE, THAT IT WILL BREAK A WORLD TO PIECES TO MAKE A STOOL TO SIT ON.—Cecil.

The P. and O. s.s. Kashgar left Shanghai for this Port on the 17th instant at 4 p.m. and is due here on the 20th instant at about 6 a.m.

Hu Yu-yin, a cook at the Kwong Hing Preserved Vegetables factory, at 156, Corner Street, tripped and fell yesterday while carrying a pot of boiling vinegar. He was removed to Hospital with serious burns.

The Post and Telegraph Department of the Siamese Government reports the suspension of the radio telegraph services at the Kohsichang and Songkhla coast stations. Kohsichang is an island at the northern end of the Gulf of Siam, and Songkhla is a small fort on the east coast of South Siam.

At the Central Magistracy this morning, Mr. Williams fixed Friday the 20th at 2.15 p.m. for the hearing of the summons for assault taken out by Lo Sun, an employee against R. Ribeiro in respect of an alleged assault outside the King's Theatre on the 8th instant. Mr. P. H. Sin is appearing for the complainant.

While gasoline was being pumped into a lamp on a lighter, alongside the Venezia yesterday, the screw cap of the lamp flew off, and the coolant at the pump was sprayed with the oil, which also caught fire. A terrible death was averted by timely assistance from other people on the lighter, but the condition of the coolant was serious when removed to Hospital.

REVENUE OFFICER AT HIDE-AND-SEEK.

OLD WOMAN GIVES HERSELF UP.

A game of hide-and-seek appears to have been indulged in yesterday by Revenue Officers and dealers in contraband opium. In the course of investigations, Revenue Officer Ward went into Stone Nullah Lane at Wanchai, and from two floors he visited in succession, collected something like 200 taels of raw opium, but found that he was not altogether unexpected as the smugglers were nowhere at hand.

Further enquiries then led him to another house at Queen's Road East, and as he went up the stairs, there walked after him an old woman who, without being asked, volunteered the information that the opium just seized was hers. It led him to believe, said R. O. Ward when charging the woman at the Central Police Court this morning, that she was being paid by the smugglers and had found it worth while to claim the drug.

The Magistrate fined the woman \$1,000 or five months' hard labour.

Long Broadcasting Committee, while in the Colony itself there must be means of improving and brightening the programmes. It is surely high time something was done towards this end.



"Of course we found it necessary to make a few minor changes in adapting your book to the screen. We are using Miss De Lacey, who's used Napoleon."

Ours Is An Ice Age.

By WHATELY C. ARNOLD.

THE electrical experiments of Michael Faraday, the centenary of which is now being celebrated, overshadow his discoveries in the realms of chemistry for which he was appointed professor in the Royal Institution.

So we are inclined to overlook the benefits which the scientist brought to the world by his discoveries rendering possible the universal use of refrigeration. It was in the course of his chemical research that he made the discovery that any gas may be turned into a liquid if it is first compressed and then cooled under pressure. That was in 1823, and many years after it was made use of for the purposes of mechanical refrigeration.

Long before this it was known that a low temperature could be produced by the combination of crushed ice and salt. Ice was obtained in blocks shipped from the Norwegian fjords, and until 1880 this was the only method of obtaining a sufficiently low temperature for storing meat and other perishable foods.

The first cold air machine of which there is any definite record was invented in 1845 by a Mr. Correll, of the U.S.A. This was followed by various other British and foreign inventors, until the year 1873, when the first machine used commercially was invented by Professor Linde.

The first consignment of frozen meat ever imported from Australia was a cargo of thirty-four tons on board the steamship Strathleven, which arrived in London in February, 1880. Since that date, only half a century ago, it may be said with truth that the British Empire has to a large extent been built up on and by refrigeration.

Without its aid the vast supplies of high-class fresh meat, butter, fruit, and, in fact, all the food supplies from overseas would have been impossible. It was by this means that the huge armies in the Great War were sustained. About 80 per cent. of the world's marine refrigeration is equipped with British machinery.

Home Farmers' Friend. But it is not only for overseas supplies that refrigeration is needed. Home farmers are at length finding out that refrigeration is their friend, not an enemy. Their home-grown produce of a perishable nature can be preserved, when there is a glut, instead of being wasted.

The dairy industry is almost entirely dependent upon refrigeration for dealing with its hundreds of thousands of gallons of milk and millions of eggs. Ice, which is still required in even larger quantities, is itself now mainly dependent upon mechanical refrigeration. From the very powerful machines which make tons of ice for cold storage purposes down to the small automatic domestic refrigerators which produce the miniature pieces of ice, all are worked on the same principles and in accordance with the same laws of nature that Michael Faraday discovered.

As every schoolboy knows, when he uses his air pump for inflating his tyre tube heat is produced. This is by reason of the compression of the air. A refrigerating

machine consists of a pump for compressing the refrigerating gas, and therefore heating it, a condenser for cooling the gas while under pressure either by air or water being forced over the coils which contain the gas, and an evaporator for expanding the gas which is given off by the volatile liquid gas. We have thus the paradox that heat is required to produce cold.

In addition to the making of ice and the cold storage of provisions and perishable goods, of which there are more than 200 different kinds, most of which require different temperatures for their efficient preservation, refrigeration is also made use of in the manufacture of a large variety of other goods.

No battleship ever ventures to sea without her ammunition being held under refrigeration. Our largest places of assembly and leading theatres adopt artificial air cooling, and also our factories for the welfare of the employees. In addition to the actual machinery, a great industry has also arisen for providing insulation in order to retain the cold temperature in storage both on land and at sea. This insulation is now mostly constructed of cork.

In recent years means have been found of working the refrigerating machines automatically; that is, so that when a given temperature is obtained the machine will automatically cease working, and when the temperature rises a certain number of degrees the machine will start again. For research purposes where it is essential to maintain a constant temperature, these can be so delicately balanced that there may be no greater variation in the temperature than one degree.

In all scientific work, as well as in a number of manufacturing processes, the study of temperature control is imperative. Man himself is entirely dependent upon it! A difference of 6 deg. or 7 deg. Fahrenheit in blood temperature means life or death to every one of us! Long-continued research work has shown that different commodities require an extraordinary variety of temperature for their efficient preservation.

Careful Preserving.

For instance, whereas meat can be best kept at from 35 deg. to 40 deg., butter is kept in better condition at 14 deg. Eggs should be kept at 50 deg., and also apples, but melons from 35 deg. to 40 deg., and bananas not less than 55 deg.

On the other hand, the degree of cold required for making ice-cream is about 5 deg. to 10 deg., but for keeping ice-cream bricks a temperature of 10 deg. below zero is required.

These are only a few examples, but sufficient to give an idea of the large amount of labour and care which is now involved in the preservation of our daily food and what we owe to the discoveries of Michael Faraday. The past hundred years have seen developments far beyond the possible imaginings of the discoverer himself.

WHATELY C. ARNOLD.

TIPPING HAS ITS VIRTUES.

By CLIFFORD HOSKEN.

THREE is a custom on the Continent, almost universal in all but the biggest hotels, of adding 10 per cent. "for service" to the amount of your bill. This is supposed to be in place of tips. But it is a custom that wants watching.

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But it hasn't. In practice it doesn't work out at all, as any holidaymaker back from the French or Belgian or Italian resorts can tell you. You have paid your 10 per cent. extra, but you are expected to tip just the same.

That is why the custom needs watching, and needs to be severely discouraged if an attempt is made to introduce it into this country.

You are never quite satisfied that the extra ten per cent.—your extra two shillings in the pound—is distributed among the staff. And, anyhow, if a maid, or a waiter, or a porter has served you well, most of us like to acknowledge that attention.

There is a deal of satisfaction in thanking someone who has made your holiday more pleasant, and (Continued on Page 7.)

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BRIGHT BATTING BY SHANGHAI.

VISITORS KNOCK UP A HUGE
 SCORE YESTERDAY.

The Shanghai Interport cricket team were seen in their best scoring mood yesterday when they met a combined team drawn from the United Services on the Hongkong C.C. ground in a match that started after tea and will be continued this morning, the extra half day being possible on account of the Interport match being concluded on Monday.

Shanghai went to the wicket for first knock and opened with Kermani and Simpson. Without taking unnecessary risks the pair punished the bowling and gradually had the Services' attack well mastered. Kermani was playing pretty cricket and was scoring more freely than in the Interport match. The opening pair took the score to 80 before they were separated, Simpson being caught by Moir off Burnett with 29 to his credit.

Eleven runs later Shanghai lost another wicket, Kermani being beaten by a ball from Mirehouse and sent back to the pavilion, after having scored a brilliant 54. Booth and Barson became associated and were engaged in another huge partnership. Both were playing with care but meted out just punishment to all deliveries that were not on the wicket. Barson was in a happier mood than his partner and brought off some hefty hits. The pair put on 68 runs when Booth was caught by Barlow in attempting to lift Burnett over the fence. Elliott and Barson after Cook



Signalman Morris, of H. M. S. Suffolk, who meets A. B. Warner at the City Hall on the 28th instant, for the welter-weight championship of the Colony.

had been dismissed put on another 27 runs when the latter was smartly taken by Shaw, the wicket keeper, who had to run around to leg to catch the ball.

Leach and Madar later made merry at the expense of the Service bowlers before being dismissed by the total before being dismissed by a catch behind the wicket while the latter was undefeated at the close with 26 against his name. The innings came to a close just on five o'clock.

The full scores of yesterday's play are given below:

Shanghai.—1st Innings.				
S. R. Kermani, b Mirehouse	54	29		
P. V. Simpson, c Moir, b Burnett	24			
A. J. Barson, c Shaw, b Anstruther	48			
R. Booth, c Barlow, b Burnett	28			
H. J. M. Cook, c Mirehouse, b Anstruther	14			
R. S. Elliott, c Barlow, b Burnett	26			
T. W. R. Wilson, b Hamilton	18			
D. W. Leach, c Shaw, b Anstruther	46			
H. Madar, not out	26			
H. A. Coward, c Barlow, b Burnett	10			
B. V. W. Murray, b Anstruther	0			
J. A. Isaacs, c Younger, b Anstruther	1			
Extras	26			
Total	310			

Bowling Analysis.				
Hamilton	O.	M.	R.	W.
Mirehouse	21	3	61	2
Hunting	23	5	68	1
Barlow	10	1	51	—
Barlow	5	—	21	—
Burnett	6	—	44	3
Anstruther	13	1	39	5

LADIES' TENNIS TOULNEY.

MISS THOMAS ENTERS
 SINGLES FINAL.

Miss Thomas entered the final of the Open Ladies' Singles Championship of the Colony when she beat Mrs. Chia by two sets to one on the United Services Recreation Club courts yesterday.

Mrs. Chia won the first set at 7-5 and it was generally considered that she would claim the next one and the match, but Miss Thomas asserted herself in the second set which she took after conceding only one game.

The final set was very evenly contested and it was not till twelve games were played that Miss Thomas claimed it and the match. The game on the whole was very interesting, a high standard of play being maintained throughout.

TSANG FOO VILLA CRIME.

FIVE MEN APPEAR AT
 SESSIONS.

ARRESTED ON ROOF.

The tragic night of September 26-27, at Tsang Foo Villa when members of a Japanese family were done to death by mob was recalled at the Criminal Sessions this morning, before the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kemp) and a jury, when the trial commenced of five prisoners, charged with murder.

At 10.15 a.m. the case was adjourned. The members of the Court will visit the scene this afternoon.

The following jurymen were empanelled. Mr. G. A. Pentreath (foreman), Mr. R. C. Lee, Mr. Li Tin-sit, Mr. Lam Chong-chung, Mr. M. A. da Sousa, Mr. A. G. Pile and Mr. L. H. Ruffin.

Prisoners are defended by Mr. W. N. Thomas, Barrister, instructed by Mr. J. T. Prior, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, while the Attorney General (Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C.), together with Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, is for the Crown.

At 1.15 p.m. the case entered pleas of not guilty.

Mr. Alabaster outlined the case for the Crown at considerable length. He told how the mob, numbering about 1,000, attacked Tsang Foo Villa, where Japanese



A. B. Warner, of H. M. S. Hermes, a newcomer to local boxing circles, who is meeting Morris for the welter title next week.

were living, wrecked the place and murdered six members of a family. Two Japanese carpenters, one son, Hiroshi, aged six, and a lady friend, Miss Fujiko Yoshii, escaped, but Mr. Alabaster explained they escaped by luck and not by the lenience of the mob.

All the prisoners were arrested on the roof where the murders were committed.

Evidence was given by Dr. J. T. Smalley of the arrival at Kowloon Hospital of the two boys, Shiro and Niyoji, the amah, Sumiko and the old lady. He described their many injuries and said that nothing could be done for them. They died soon after admission.

Incised wounds on the boys could have been done by a sword, while in the women blunt instruments, such as poles, could have caused the injuries.

Replying to Mr. Tamm, witness said he recalled a Chinese, Chan Yau-kun, being admitted at midnight for injuries received through falling from a height. He was brought in an ambulance by a European missionary. His injuries were consistent with having fallen from a top storey.

The case was adjourned until tomorrow morning.

ADAMSON GOLF CUP.

QUALIFYING COMPETITION
 WON BY W. JENKINS.

The November qualifying competition for the Adamson Cup, played off by members of the Hongkong Golf Club, resulted in W. Jenkins returning the best card and qualifying with a score of 90-18=72.

Other scores were:
 R. Wallace, 85-9=74
 A. MacIndoe, 96-18=78.

MAMAK HOCKEY TOURNAMENT.

The following will represent the R.A.S.C. v. Hongkong Police in the Mamak Hockey Tournament at the Police Training School Ground, Kowloon, on Saturday, 21st November, 1931. Bully-off 4 p.m.—Pte. Andrews; S/Sgt. Marshall; L/Cpl. Reynolds; Pte. Craggs; Sgt. Hurst; Sgt. McCulloch; Dvr. Cole, L/Cpl. Spain; S/Sgt. Skipl; L/Cpl. Fry, Dvr. Brennan. Reserves:—Pte. O'Connor, L/Cpl. Cadman.

WATER SUPPLY INADEQUATE.

DISCONNECTED FLUSH
 SYSTEM.

MR. SHIRAZI FINED.

Appearing on behalf of Mr. M. K. Shirazi, Mr. S. T. Butlin of Messrs. Linstead and Davis was fined \$10 by Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning on a summons taken out by the Sanitary Department for failing to have an adequate supply of flushing water at 455-475 Queen's Road, West.

Mr. Butlin, who said that he held a power of attorney from Mr. Shirazi, who was now in India, said that Messrs. Dodwell & Co. were instructed to carry out the work of overhauling the pump and he presumed that it had been done. When he had received the summons he communicated with Messrs. Dodwell and was informed that the work was finished on November 7, but they had had to wait for the Hongkong Electric Company to put on the current. It was stated that the person who had charge of the job had been ill for some days and did not return to work until the November. The work was completed, on the following day.

Sanitary Inspector Foster said that the work had been completed when he visited the premises yesterday. He last saw the job on November 5 when nothing had been done. The pump had been installed but not connected. It had previously been connected, but later became defective, and had been connected with the Government Water mains.

SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED
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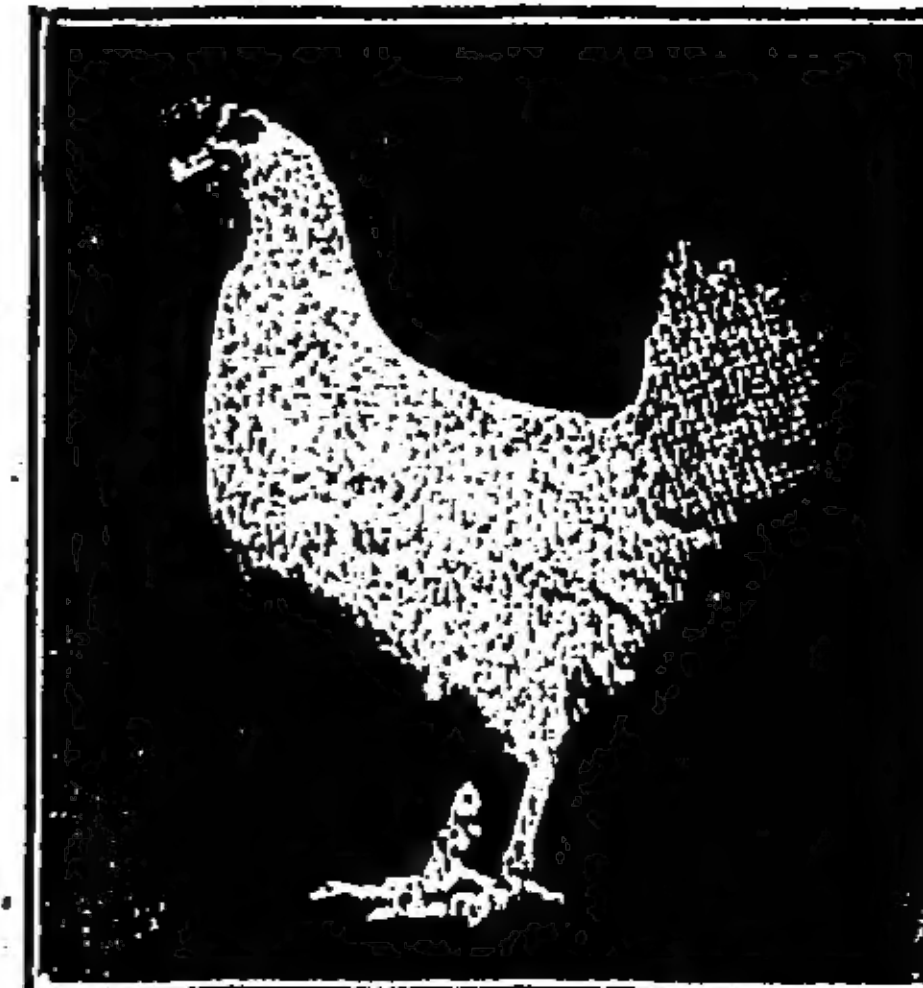
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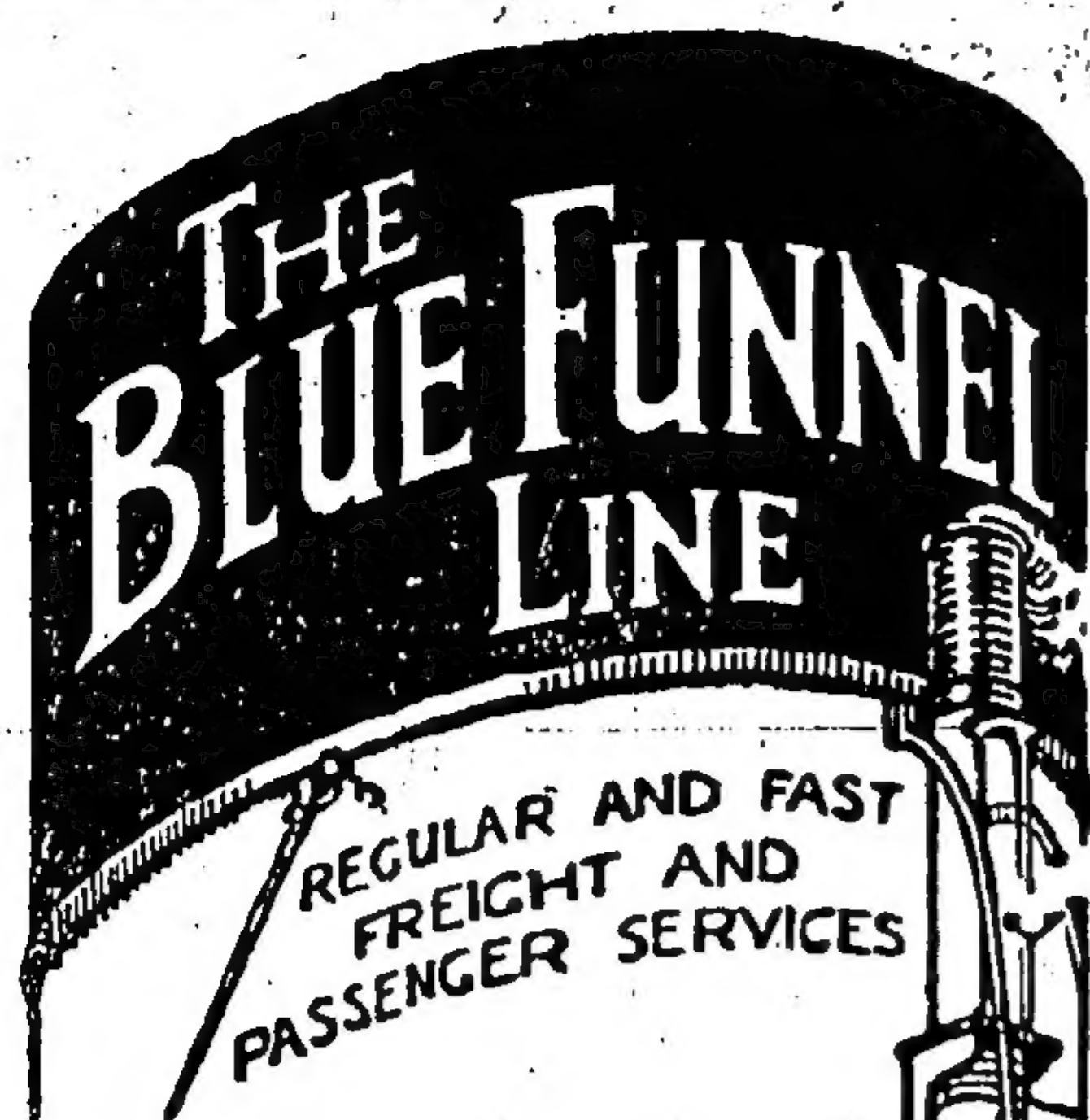
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AFTER THE MEETING.

COMMENT BY THE FRENCH PRESS.

London, Nov. 17. While the British Press devotes considerable space to reports of yesterday's session of the League Council, the disposition in London is to refrain from comment at the present stage of the deliberations. Political observers here, however, are relieved that yesterday's proceedings were stopped through without public controversy between the parties to the dispute. In the meantime, the French press is devoting considerable space to comment. Perhaps most interesting of this is the comment of *Le Matin*, which expresses the opinion that it is better for the League to act directly through its agents in Manchuria rather than to emphasize the Council meeting too much.

The paper says it is useless to discuss the various articles of the Covenant of Paris while clashes are still to be feared in Manchuria. *Le Matin* thinks, therefore, that diplomatic representatives in the Far East should be given instructions permitting them to intervene with greater efficiency.—*Reuter*.

The "Compromise"

Paris, Nov. 17. The mysterious "compromise formula" is still very much alive, according to *Excelsior*, declaring that Gen. Dawes, Sir John Simon and Mr. Matsudaira discussed the idea in London, which without fixing any definite dates aims at enabling the Japanese Government to withdraw its troops under the best conditions of security for lives and property. Meanwhile, a military truce will be called, while the Chinese and Japanese negotiate directly. There is no indication, however, that any "compromise" has hitherto come within the purview of the present meeting.

"Suppressed" Speeches.

It is clear, however, that the need for some such formula dominates the present aims. Gen. Dawes' activity reflects the lively American contribution to the proceedings. Before the private meeting this morning Gen. Dawes saw Mr. Matsudaira. As surmised, Dr. Sze and Mr. Yoshizawa kept their speeches in their pockets yesterday at the express wish of their colleagues, who are anxious that the deliberations be not compromised from the outset by the disputants formally setting forth apparently irreconcilable demands. A similar desire to keep the avenues open and exploit the spirit of compromise inspires M. Briand's wish for private discussions if possible, until promising outlines of a formula definitely emerge. It is learnt that Dr. Sze asked for permission to address last night's private meeting, but desisted at M. Briand's request.—*Reuter*.

Very Private Meeting.

Paris, later. Neither the Chinese nor the Japanese delegates were invited to attend the private meeting of the Council, which met at 10.30. It is understood that questions of procedure are being discussed, but a public meeting may be held later today.

These "Five Points"

The Council separated at 12.45, after listening to M. Briand's exposition of the situation and the report of negotiations with the Chinese and Japanese delegations. It became clearer and clearer that the chief, and practically the only stumbling block, is the famous five conditions. It was decided to adjourn until tomorrow, to enable M. Briand to give more detailed information on the specific points involved in the Japanese demand. It is understood they will be asked to furnish details of what treaties are involved; thus it will be possible to appreciate to what degree the question of safety of nationals is involved in these treaties, and to what degree it is a matter pure-

SILVER PROBLEM.

PLEA TO BRITAIN TO LEAD WAY.

THE GOVERNMENT'S REFUSAL.

London, Nov. 17. The British Government does not consider that any useful purpose can be served by calling an international conference on silver, declared Mr. Neville Chamberlain, in the House of Commons today, replying negatively to a twofold suggestion for an international conference on stabilization of silver and a conference between Britain, China, India and Japan with a view to establishing a silver currency in the Far East.—*Reuter*.

Earlier Pleading.

London, Nov. 17. A plea to the British Government, if possible until the support of the Dominions, to convene or agree to participate in an international conference with a view to the re-introduction of silver into the world's monetary system, is advanced by Sir Robert Horne, Chairman of the Silver Association (which was recently promoted by the China Association) in a long article in *The Times*.

Sir Robert Horne reiterates the suggestion that the Central Banks might be authorized to keep a proportion of their metallic currency reserve in silver. He declares that the Silver Association is convinced that a powerful group of communities, such as the British Empire and the United States could do much to mitigate the worst effects of currency fluctuations. Though complete international agreement is perhaps at present impossible, nothing is more likely to assist it than agreement between the British Empire and the United States with the co-operation of France.

If, as a result of such agreement, silver were re-introduced into the world's monetary system, the present depression would end and prices could be rendered comparatively stable on a higher level.—*Reuter*.

ly of economic interests. When this data has been obtained the Council will explore the avenue calculated to bring about an understanding.

Communiqué Issued.

The following communiqué was issued at the conclusion of this morning's private sitting: "The members of the Council other than the representatives of the two parties, met this morning for an exchange of views, and agreed that in the present state of the question, and with a view to obtaining certain information requested, their next meeting will not be held until November 18 at 11 a.m. During that meeting the members of the Council will discuss fixing a date for the next public meeting.—*Reuter*.

Japan Peeved.

Tokyo, Nov. 17. The report that Mr. Yoshizawa and Dr. Sze were "prevented" from addressing the public meeting of the League appears to have caused annoyance in official circles, which consider it is in the League's interest as well as Japan's, that the respective speeches be made public, as world opinion is unable to judge the merits of whatever decision be reached if the Chinese and Japanese expositions are kept secret. Confidence is expressed that Mr. Yoshizawa's exposition would result in a favourable decision towards Japan.—*Reuter*.

American Attitude.

New York Nov. 17. The American attitude towards Japan, as set forth in the *Herald-Tribune*, is that the State Department is sending firm notes to Tokyo declaring that the United

NO TIME TO BE LOST.

SOME STRIKING FIGURES OF FOREIGN IMPORTS.

London, Nov. 17. No time will be lost in passing through its various stages in both Houses of Parliament the Bill to deal with the threatened abnormal flow of imports into England. Authorization by resolution of the House will be necessary to enable preliminaries to be effected, and this will probably be moved by Mr. Stanley Baldwin. When these preliminaries are completed the Bill will be read a first time tonight. The second reading will take place tomorrow, and the third on Thursday. It is anticipated that the House of Lords will pass the Bill through all its stages on Friday, and that it will receive the Royal assent on Friday night.

Articles Affected.

The Bill will apply to all articles included in Class Three of the Board of Trade returns. Articles wholly or mainly manufactured which come under its heading include the following general categories: Cereals and manufactured pottery, glass, abrasives, etc., etc.; Iron and steel and manufactures thereof; non-ferrous metals, and manufactures thereof. Goods and apparatus and machinery manufactures of wood and timber; cotton yarns, and manufactures of woollen and worsted yarns; and manufactures of silk and silk manufactures. Manufactures of other textile material, and apparel. Chemicals, drugs, dyes and colours; oils, fats, leather and manufactures thereof, paper and cardboard. Vehicles, including locomotives, ships and aircraft. Rubber manufactures; and miscellaneous articles.

A PLEA FOR TEA.

HOW THE EMPIRE PRODUCT IS SUFFERING.

London, Nov. 17. A strong plea for protection of Empire tea was advocated by Sir Charles McLeod, addressing the Royal Empire Society. He contended that all the requirements of the Empire could be met by Empire-grown tea, whereas for years Britain has suffered dumping of tea grown in the Dutch East Indies, which is admitted free to Britain, while Holland imposes an import duty on tea of sevenpence a lb. Moreover, the Dutch Indies tea is blended with other teas, unknown to the public. Meantime the Empire tea industry is suffering heavy losses, the selling price not covering the cost of production. Many tea companies in India and Ceylon are in a serious position. Empire producers are ready to agree to the imposition of a duty, provided substantial preference be given to Empire tea.—*Reuter*.

States supports the League efforts to persuade Japan to evacuate the forbidden territory in Manchuria. Simultaneously, however, the Japanese Ambassador will be privately assured at Washington that the United States will not go to the extent of backing up these demands by force.—*Reuter's American Service*.

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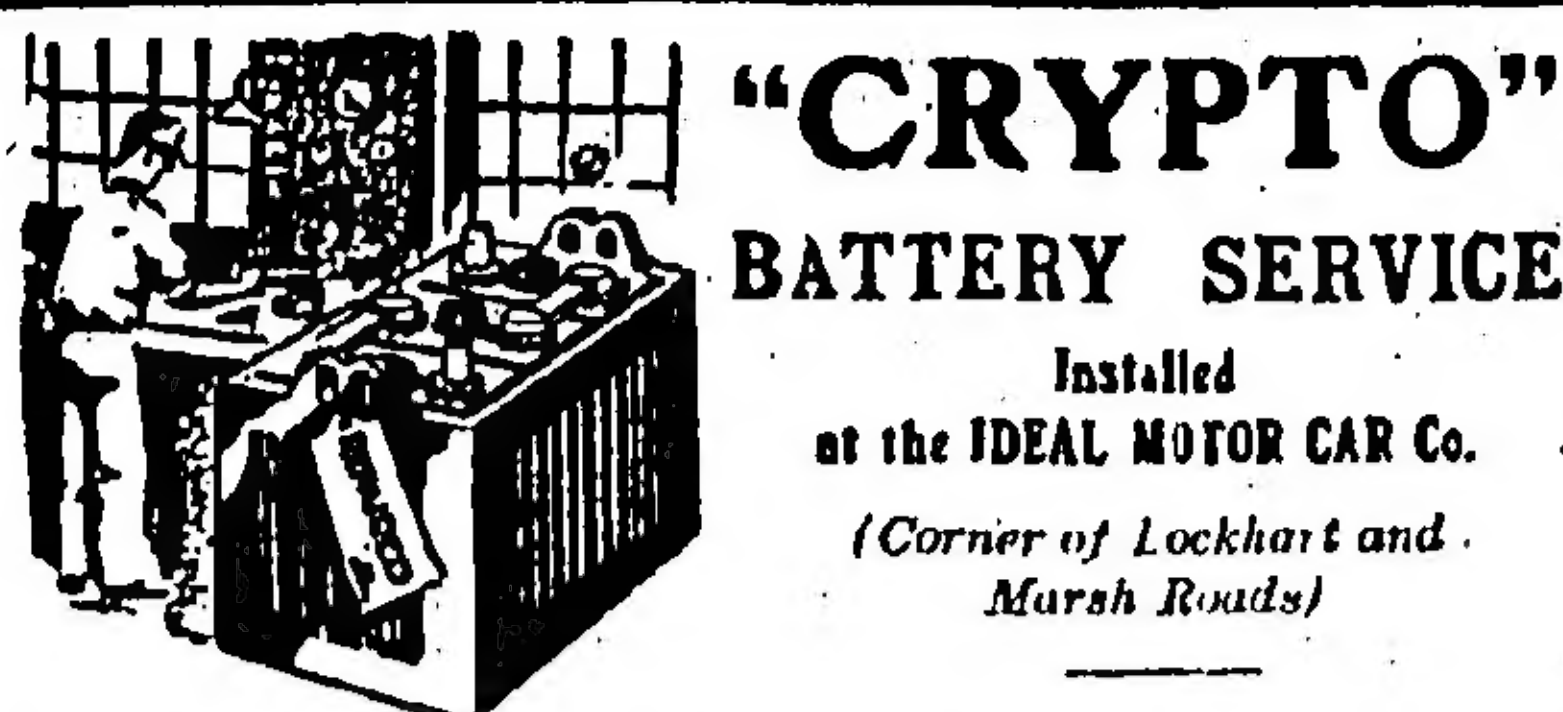
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I have noticed in 17 years of this work with the Department of Commerce—Is I do feel that manufacturers and business men abroad are developing a more intelligent interest in the outside world. Their enquiries are more intelligent. They ask questions that are more pertinent and take more interest in the replies.

Nowadays we have to check up our figures while in days gone by it didn't matter much whether we let out a cypher.—(Laughter). We now find we have to be very cautious about the figures we send out because they are likely to get into the hands of an expert and he may send them back and ask how we got them.—(Laughter). There is that phase of the situation which makes our work more difficult but, in a sense, more interesting, because we feel that people are really asking for something that may be helpful in their business.

Business on a Shoe String.

We have, of course, always to contend with the concern that is interested to-day and to-morrow is no longer interested. There are also the Fly-by-Nights, who are trying to do \$150,000 worth of business on a shoe string, and trying to utilise the United States Government and every other Government for that purpose.—(Laughter).

We have also delegations that come from time to time, some rather worthy of a great deal of assistance, and others which are pretty well skylarking parties seeing the country under the pretext of representing this or that organisation or association and so on. I notice, however, that most of our delegations get to the point where the women folk seem to have more say than the men themselves and most of the time seems to be given to shopping experiences. Mr. Arnold concluded by extending the welcome of the Shanghai Rotary Club to members of the Hongkong Club. He assured the gathering that the Shanghai Club would extend it a pleasure to meet any of them at their luncheon held every Thursday.

Mixed Emotions.

The Hon. Mr. W. H. Bell, on being called upon by the Chairman to express the thanks of the Club to the speaker, said:—Any of you who were watching me when our Chairman spoke just now might possibly have been reminded of a lecture which Father Byrne gave us on the emotions sometime back. He accompanied that talk with a series of diagrams showing faces giving various expressions, one of which was surprise and another consternation, and I think you will find that my face is a mixture of both. I wish—I really wish—that I had the facility that Mr. Arnold has, of getting up and speaking in such a clear and, indeed, very interesting way. On your behalf I thank him very much.

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The first item was selections by the Hongkong Hotel string quintette, who, by courtesy of the Hongkong Hotel, entertained the gathering with three tuneful pieces. This was followed by two songs rendered by Mr. Ivan Marshall, who sings at the St. Francis Hotel. Mr. Marshall appeared by courtesy of the management of that hotel.

Miss Luba Pecker, who is well known to Hongkong audiences and radio fans, next contributed two piano solos, with a delightful tone and technique, and was received with loud applause. Miss A. Silas, a soprano, also contributed two songs, in a mellow voice which was very pleasing. Perhaps the "hit" of the evening was the item rendered by Lt. A. H. Mussen, singing and accompanying himself on the banjo. Assisted at the piano by Mr. True Later, Mr. Edwards performed cleverly on the xylophone, and was also loudly applauded. It was altogether a splendid evening's entertainment.

MR. R. P. PHILLIPS.

ARRIVAL TO JOIN LOCAL FIRM.

Mr. R. P. Phillips, a well-known Far Eastern sportsman arrived at Hongkong on Monday by the San Francisco to join the firm of H. Ruttonjee and Son as sales and export manager.

Mr. Phillips has been in China for just over 25 years, having been connected with Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co. in Hongkong, and Messrs. Gande, Price, Ltd., a Shanghai. Previous to that he was in the wine Department of the Army and Navy Stores in London for seven years.

Known to his friends as "Phil," he is an older cricketer, footballer and tennis player, but he now confines his activities mainly to billiards and bowls, in which sport he is keenly interested. He has represented Shanghai in Interport matches on numerous occasions. Recently he has been in England, where he played much bowls at the South Coast during the summer. The game at home, he says, is taking on as never before.

Mr. Phillips was an interested spectator at the Interport cricket match, especially as five of the members of the team were from the Shanghai Recreation Club of which he was President for seven years.

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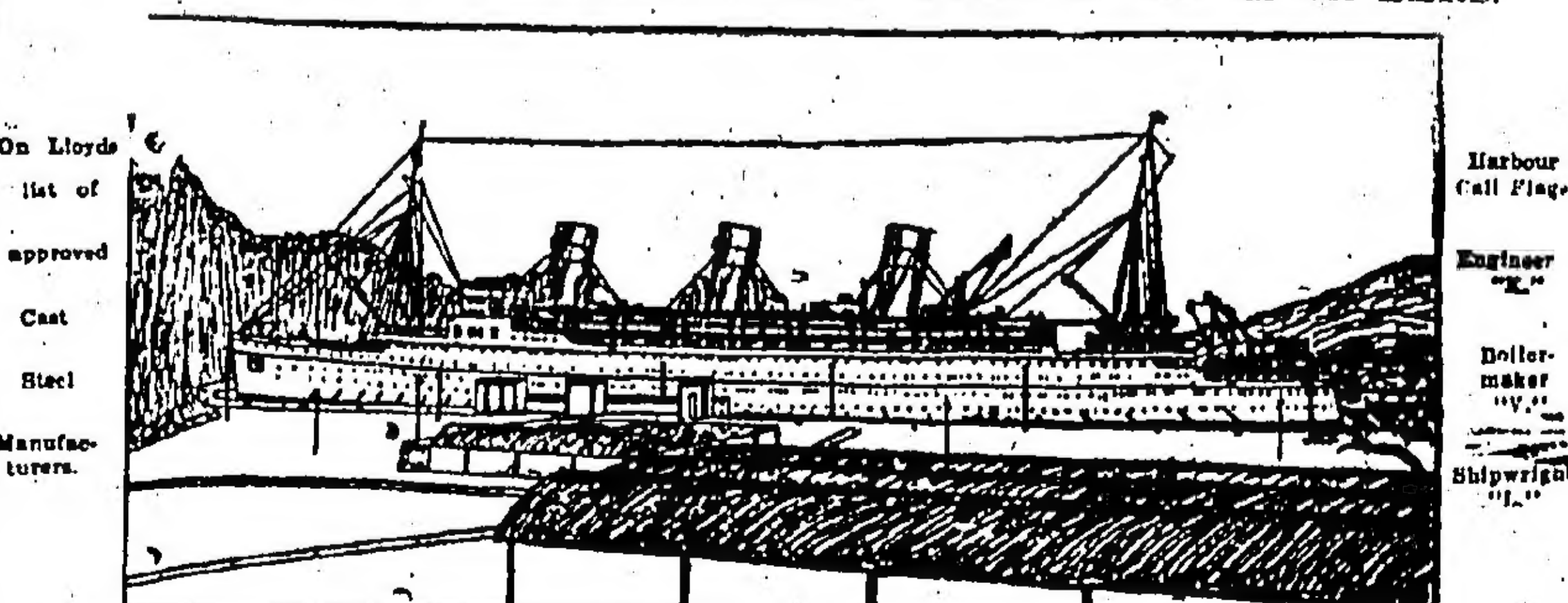
The Financial Times, commenting on the Hongkong Currency report points out that it was compiled before the suspension of the gold standard in Britain. While this fact would have strengthened the decision against immediate stabilisation of the dollar, the knowledge thereof could scarcely have altered the direction of the other arguments.—Reuter.

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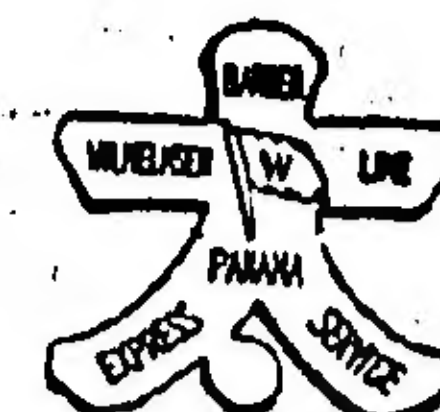
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The Shanghai team compiled a total of 310 runs yesterday and this morning the Services went to bat. The visitors opened promisingly and captured the first four wickets for 38 runs. Elliot doing the damage.

Lieut. Hargrave, however, put a different complexion to the game when he went to the wicket. Together with Lieut. J. K. MacFarlan, the Interport player, he put on 61 runs for the fifth wicket and temporarily relieved the situation. Wickets began to fall cheaply, two batsmen being dismissed in comparatively quick succession. In the meantime Hargrave was doing most of the scoring and was bringing off some nice shots. At the close of the morning's play he was still undefeated with 78 to his credit.

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Lieut. A. C. Hamilton, b Wilson, 4
Lieut. J. K. MacFarlan, c Cook, b Booth, 29
Lieut. F. F. S. Barlow, c Murray, b Madar, 9
Capt. Burnett, c Murray, b Isaacs, 5
Capt. E. C. Moir, not out, 4
Extras, 9

Lieut. A. M. Anstruther, Mid. Hunting and Capt. Mirehouse to bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Elliott	9	1	28	3
Wilson	10	1	22	1
Leach	6	1	28	—
Isaacs	6	—	18	1
Booth	3	—	18	1
Madar	5	—	18	1
Cook	1	—	5	—

THE WEATHER.

The anti-cyclone over China has strengthened considerably. There is no information concerning the Guam typhoon.

GANDHI WANTS ALL.

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to such a size as to make it inconsistent with safety. It was a responsibility that no Statesman who had any real regard for interests of India could justify himself in assuming.

Mr. Sastri Disagrees. Mr. Sastri dissociated himself, and some others of the Hindu delegates, from the opinions expressed by Mr. Gandhi. He was of the same opinion as early last year when they decided that the Army and external affairs had best remain Crown subjects during the period of transition. It was with great gratification that he heard Lord Reading reaffirm his approval of responsibility at the centre. The amount of responsibility for which they asked, even with these two great subjects of the Army and external affairs excluded, was sufficient to afford an honourable and satisfactory basis for settlement.

Minorities Report.

The report of the minorities sub-committee was circulated last night, subject to amendment on the basis of any comments received to-day by the Prime Minister from members. The report traces the efforts made since its assembly to secure an agreement upon various minority claims, and records the informal negotiations which proceeded along with the four formal meetings of the committee. The appendices contain suggestions, and views of the various groups and individuals, including an agreement reached by the representatives of Moslems and certain other minorities last week.

Committee's Failure.

The report says the committee has to record with deep regret that it has been unable reach any agreed conclusion, and refers to the suggestions made at various times that the British Government should settle the dispute on its own authority. It adds, however, that these were accompanied by such important reservations as to offer little prospect of securing an harmonious working. Finally it records the Prime Minister's offer to give a decision of temporary validity if every member of the committee would pledge himself to work to the scheme loyally, pending the permanent settlement by all interested parties.—British Wire- less.

REVOLVER WITHOUT AN OWNER.

CONFISCATION ORDER.

Before Mr. Fraser at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, Detective Sergeant Johnson applied for the confiscation of an "Euskaro" revolver and 110 rounds of ammunition, which were found in the Yau-mai Typhoon Shelter yesterday afternoon. C.R.O. 14 found the revolver and ammunition in and unoccupied camp at 3.15 p.m. yesterday.

His Worship accordingly made an order for the confiscation of the weapon and the ammunitions.

ALLEGED \$10 NOTE FORGERIES.

CHARGE AGAINST CHINESE DISMISSED.

UNSAFE TO CONVICT.

Leung Kun was charged at the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. Fraser this morning with possession of 12 forged \$10 Chartered Bank notes.

Detective Sergeant Johnson, who prosecuted, said defendant had the notes tied up in a packet, and was holding them in his hand. When approached by a Chinese detective he threw the packet into the harbour.

Defendant was arrested and the packet retrieved by Police Officers who found that it contained Chartered Bank notes, which were forged.

His Worship.—You are asking me to deal with the case summarily?

Sergeant Johnson.—I have no other instructions, your Worship. Evidence was given by a clerk of the Chartered Bank, who testified to the notes being forged.

The Chinese detective who made the arrest said on instructions from Sergeant Johnson, he went to Waterloo Road on the evening of November 15, and saw the defendant getting ashore from a sampan. On witness' approach, defendant threw a packet into the sea. This was retrieved and found to contain 12 Chartered Bank notes which were forgeries.

His Worship said the case hinged on the evidence of only one man. The case for the prosecution, he was sorry to say, was rather weak, and on the evidence, it was unsafe to convict.

Defendant was accordingly discharged.

JUNK PIRATED.

A MATTER OF PIGS AND CHICKENS.

The Police have been informed of a piracy on a trading junk of 30 piculs capacity, which resulted in the theft of 13 pigs and 48 chickens comprising the cargo.

The affair occurred near Ping Ho, the boat being stopped and boarded from another junk by five men who were variously armed. Beyond the fact that the pirates stole the cargo and sailed away in an unknown direction there is no mention of what happened to the boat or to the crew. The master Mak Fu has returned to Shau-tiwan, arriving this morning on another junk.

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